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MEMORANDUM FOR	•	Deputy Director	for	Operations
SUBJECT :	:	Appreciation of	the	Soviet Cher

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Warfare Threat

1. I have memo of 7 December to you on this subject.

- 2. I would not agree with the assertion that the Intelligence Community has not come to grips with the available information on the subject. In large part because of SIC studies and entire national estimates in the mid-sixties were devoted to the question of Soviet chemical warfare capabilities. The latest version of NIE 11-14, the major regular estimate on Soviet General Purpose Forces, devotes an entire annex to the subject.
- 3. Under the circumstances, I do not think any further action is necessary to highlight this subject at the national intelligence level.

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